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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b> Address to: MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	<b>Application Number</b>	<b>09/750,603</b>
	<b>Filing Date</b>	<b>December 28, 2000</b>
	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	<b>Hayes et al.</b>
	<b>Art Unit</b>	<b>3624</b>
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Geoffrey R. Akers</b>
	<b>Attorney Docket No.</b>	<b>D/99181(XERZ 2 00346)</b>
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.		

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114
  - a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on
    - ii. ☒ Other: Amendment B, filed December 15, 2003.
  - b. ☐ Enclosed
    - i. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
    - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iv. ☐ Other 1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Miscellaneous
  - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
  - b. ☒ Other: Notice of Appeal with request for 3-month extension of time was filed on January 14, 2004.
  - c. ☒ Other: Telephone Interview Summary filed herewith.
3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.114(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)
  - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 24-0037.
    - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
    - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$770.00 (large entity) enclosed.

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I hereby certify that this **RCE Transmittal** and accompanying documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: MAIL STOP RCE, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated above.

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